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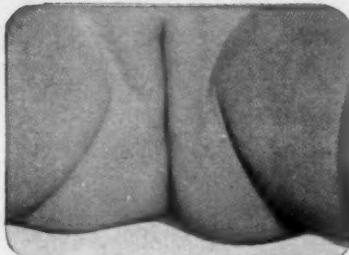
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RELIGIOUS RITES

DEAR EDITOR: May I congratulate *RN*? I have been a subscriber for a great many years and, really, each issue seems better than the last. "Meeting Your Patients' Religious Needs" is splendid! And "You Can't Turn Back the Clock" is a most timely warning.

I also enjoy the articles on procedures and treatments. *RN* keeps me on my toes!

Leonore Copeland, R.N.
Melrose, Mass.

DEAR EDITOR: Thank you for meeting a need of so many nurses with your excellent religious article. It's not often one finds such concise and practical information. The check-list of religious rites would well be inserted in every hospital's nursing procedure book.

Dorothy Hale, R.N.
Lansdowne, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR: . . . Would it be possible to obtain reprints . . . to instruct our hospital's internes and residents?

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Chicago, Ill.

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'IGNORANCE OF THE FACTS'

DEAR EDITOR: In her article "You Can't Turn Back the Clock," (*RN*, March), Martha Dudley says that under the old hospital training system students "needed to know little if anything about drugs."

As one of the "old timers," I resent that statement. I was taught a great deal about drugs.

Also: We gave hypodermoclysis and proctoclysis—even oxygen occasionally.

I think the article shows a lack

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of insight and an ignorance of the facts.

Incidentally, I once heard a nurse say that "anybody can give a bath." I disagree. I think the method of giving a bath is very important.

Lois Lewis, R.N.
Omaha, Neb.

EMERGENCY ASPIRATOR

DEAR EDITOR: While I was specializing a critically ill CVA patient in her home, she filled up with mucus. I didn't have an aspirator, so I tried to remove the mucus with a catheter and a 50-cc. syringe. But it was too slow.

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DEAR EDITOR: One of your correspondents says: "The sooner we join a union and let someone fight for us, the better off we'll be."

Has this R.N. ever thought what would happen to her patients if nurses were to strike like common laborers?

I agree that nurses should get better salaries. But we should get

them by working with our professional organization—not by joining a trade union.

Sylvia Bennett, R.N.
Memphis, Tenn.

PAY AND THE PUBLIC

DEAR EDITOR: The high cost of hospitalization has given the public the false idea that R.N.s get big salaries.

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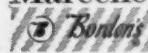
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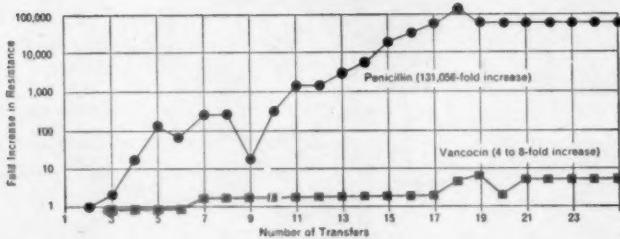
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RN news

Profession Gains 30,000, Needs 56,000 More

The nation last year had an estimated 460,000 R.N.s in active practice—30,000 more than in 1956. But an additional 56,000 are needed to reach a goal of 300 R.N.s per 100,000 population. (The 1958 ratio: 268:100,000.)

The gain is due largely to (1) an increase in the number of part-time workers, and (2) the return of married, inactive nurses to active duty.

All major fields of nursing except one showed numerical gains in the 1956-58 period. Only the private duty total dropped—from 72,000 to 70,000 (2.8 per cent).

These estimates were made by the American Nurses' Association, the National League for Nursing, and the Public Health Service.

Rise in B.P. After 65 Is Found Slight

When a woman reaches 65, her systolic pressure may rise a bit till she's 70 (or even 74); after that, it drops steadily. Meanwhile, her diastolic pressure stays fairly constant.

A man, on the other hand, can

generally expect his B.P. to show little change after 65.

These findings, reported by Dr. Arthur M. Master and associates of New York City, are based on data gathered by questionnaire from some 5,000 physicians who supplied pressure readings on nearly 5,800 oldsters.

Facts About Food Fads

Popular food fads are mostly nonsense, says Dr. Robert E. Olson of the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health. He makes these points:

¶ Yogurt, blackstrap molasses, wheat-germ oil, and similar fad foods don't have any special powers beyond their basic nutritional content.

¶ If your diet is now adequate, taking vitamin pills won't improve your health in the least.

¶ No special food or system of dieting will cure a given disease; for instance, currently touted "elimination" regimens will not cure hypertension, diabetes, anemia—or even obesity.

¶ When it comes to reducing, special foods and diets are often expensive and nutritionally poor;

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so don't try living on steak and prunes, raw tomatoes, or hard-boiled eggs; a moderate, balanced, low-calorie intake is what counts.

Has Sepsis Increased in The 'Antibiotic Age'?

Many nurses concerned with post-operative care would probably answer the above question with a resounding "Yes!" But a study team has found that as far as the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston is concerned, there's been little change in the past twenty-one years.

The team, headed by Dr. Benjamin A. Barnes, analyzed the re-

sults of 9,447 inguinal herniorrhaphies and abdominal hysterectomies. The conclusion: "The risk of sepsis has neither increased nor decreased."

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1. Put the pinch clamp controlling the infusion rate within three inches of the needle—in other words, as close as possible to the vein.
 2. Use hemostats or hemostat-like clamps on the two arms of the Y-tube. These clamps should either close the tube completely or leave it completely open. Clamps that allow it to be partially open aren't suitable.
 3. Make sure the vein being in-

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tals, which are said to have a shortage of 4,400 staff nurses (53 per cent).

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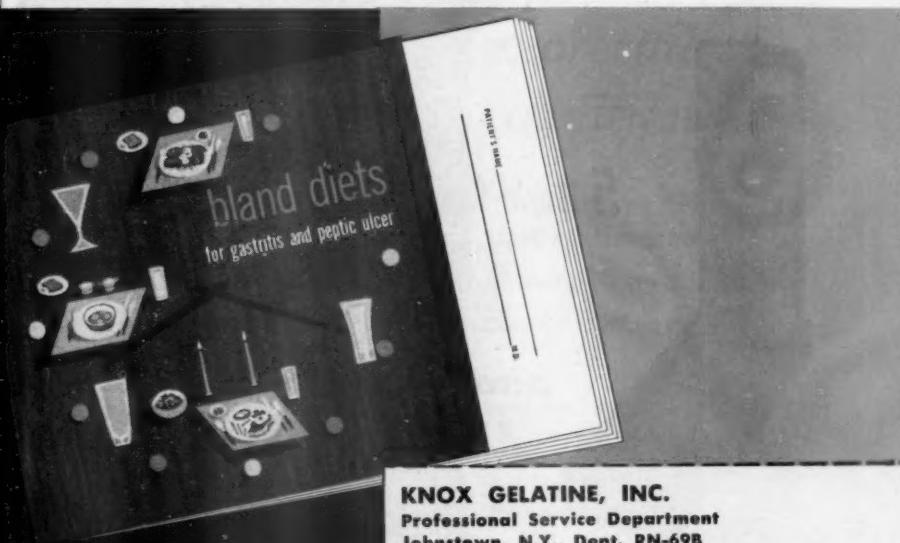
At present, most hospitals, colleges, and other nonprofit organizations aren't included in the Federal Unemployment Insurance Act. In some states (New York, for example), the state program takes care of employees of these institutions—but only if the employer's

willing to pay for such coverage and requests it.

Now the Administration is sponsoring a bill to amend the Federal act so it will cover nonprofit organizations. Washington sources say the proposed law would make some 1,300,000 workers eligible for unemployment benefits for the first time, including an estimated 650,000 hospital employees.

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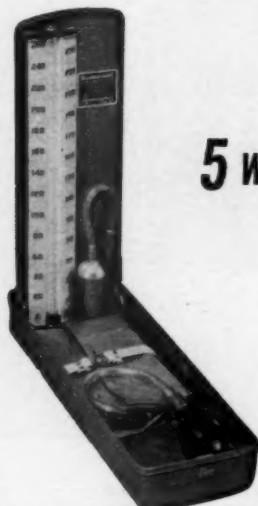
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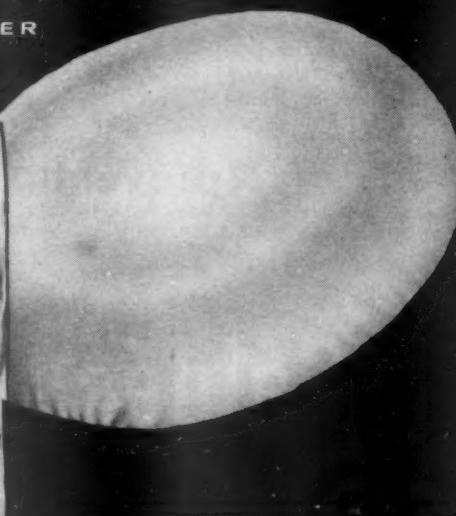
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Diuretics to Fight Edema

By Morton J. Rodman, PH.D.

H ave you ever seen a heart patient gasping for breath? He looks like a drowning man; and in a sense, that's just what he is. For his lungs are filling up with fluid.

In the same hospital with this patient, a man with liver disease and a child with nephrosis may also be victims of excess fluid, this time in the abdomen. In the maternity ward, meanwhile, a woman with pregnancy toxemia

may look in dazed disbelief at her arms and legs—swollen to twice their normal size by fluids that fill the tissue spaces.

Since literally thousands of people today suffer from afflictions that cause body fluids to pile up, it's fortunate that we have powerful new diuretic drugs to combat the condition. These diuretics help drain body tissues by working on the kidneys.

But what causes excess body

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fluid? And how do the diuretics relieve it?

In nearly every case, the trouble starts when the kidneys can't

rid the body of enough salt and water. So let's review the functioning of these organs to understand how the diuretics work.

DIURETIC AGENTS

The official or generic name of each drug is followed by its trade name(s) or synonym(s) in parentheses.

ORGANIC MERCURIAL DIURETICS

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Ethoxzolamide, N.N.D. (Cardrase)
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Ammonium Chloride, U.S.P.
Caffeine, U.S.P.
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*Sodium salts are also available for injection.

The fist-size kidneys weigh only about a half pound apiece; yet they handle nearly a fourth of the body's blood at a time. Their job is to keep the body fluids in chemical balance. To do this, they get rid of waste products without losing any essential substances.

The kidneys first filter out everything dissolved in the blood plasma. Then they return all but the wastes. Each day they filter about 200 quarts of liquid. They discharge two quarts as urine and return the rest to the blood.

Normally, the kidneys keep only what the body needs. But in disease, they sometimes keep substances that should be eliminated. For example, they may retain too much salt.

Function of Diuretics

Here's where the diuretics do their work. They prevent the kidneys from reabsorbing such substances. At the same time, they flush these substances out of the puffy tissues.

Sometimes we speak of diuretics as "stimulating" the kidneys. Actually, they don't stimulate. They slow down the reabsorption of salt and water without poisoning the kidneys. (Some substan-

ces, such as inorganic mercury salts, slow down reabsorption but poison the kidneys in the process.)

Today there are two main kinds of diuretics: the organic mercurials and the new oral drugs. Strangely enough, the diuretic properties of both kinds were discovered accidentally.

The Organic Mercurials

The powerful diuretic action of mercury was first noticed by a doctor who was trying out a new mercury compound on a patient with syphilitic heart disease. He saw that the compound stepped up the patient's urine output and eliminated edema.

Since then, dozens of organic mercurials have been developed. They've helped lengthen the lives of many victims of cardiac and other diseases.

For best results, mercury is given by injection. Unfortunately, it often irritates tissues and may even destroy them. So chemists have tried putting other substances with mercury to overcome this defect (theophylline, for example, and certain sulfur compounds).

Some of the new mercurials can be taken orally. But they may

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cause gastrointestinal symptoms ranging from sore mouth to diarrhea. And no mercury compound is really safe for patients with damaged kidneys. So the scientists have long been looking for nonmercurial diuretics that wouldn't have mercury's drawbacks.

The breakthrough came in 1938 at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. There doctors observed that some patients on sulfanilamide lost large amounts of salt and water in their urine.

How Sulfa Works

Other scientists soon found that sulfa did its work by blocking a kidney enzyme called carbonic anhydrase. When this enzyme's action slows down, the body loses sodium bicarbonate and water.

The early sulfa drugs had to be given in toxic doses before they worked on the kidneys. So the chemists started synthesizing new sulfonamides. In 1953, after several thousand tries, they produced one that's about 400 times as active as the parent compound.

This drug, acetazolamide (Di-amox), has several advantages: It can be taken by mouth, it seldom causes severe toxicity, and

it's useful for other conditions besides edema.

In glaucoma, for example, acetazolamide helps prevent blindness by reducing the flow of fluid into the eyeball. This often drops intraocular pressure dramatically and stops an acute glaucoma attack.

These Affect the Brain

Related compounds, such as ethoxzolamide (Cardrase), have a similar effect. These compounds have also lessened epileptic seizures in some patients. Just how they do this isn't clear. Some think they act on a brain enzyme; others think they make the brain more acid.

This acidifying action, while probably helpful in epileptic treatment, is a major drawback of these drugs. Because of it, treatment has to be stopped every few days until tissues get back to normal. The drugs may also cause drowsiness, tingling, and numbness.

What's New

But despite their limitations, these nonmercurial drugs are a real step forward in diuretic therapy. And the chemists are continuing to develop similar syn-

thetic compounds. Recently they've come up with two new ones: chlorothiazide (Diuril) and hydrochlorothiazide (Hydro Diuril, Esidrix).

Chlorothiazide, given orally,

is nearly as potent as injected mercury; but it rarely causes stomach upset and doesn't damage the kidneys as mercury sometimes does. Also, it can be given continuously [More on 66]

TWINS TWINS IN TRIPPLICATE BAFFLE R.N.S



Here's why nurses are seeing double nowadays at Hackensack (N.J.) Hospital: These three sets of identical twins work there as volunteer aides. To help minimize confusion, the three pairs of sisters have been assigned to separate floors. The twins at the top are Mary and Margaret Chandler; those in the center, Rebecca and Wanda Carter. Twins on the ends are Edna and Sue Edison, the daughters of Mrs. Robert Edison, R.N., who is a staff nurse at the same hospital.

Saving the CONGENITALLY DEFECTIVE

Here are the signs that can mean continued life for him—IF you report them to the doctor at once

I once counted the years of life expectancy saved by operating on eight infants born with malignant tumors. It came to 520.

It would probably take fifty to a hundred adults cured of cancer to equal the total life expectancy of those eight infants. For when

a baby dies, a whole lifetime dies.

Often, babies with congenital defects who die after only a few hours or days of life die unnecessarily. For many of the defects they succumb to, especially those of the respiratory and digestive tracts, can easily be corrected by surgery (see chart on pages 40-41). *All that's needed is someone to discover them and see that they're acted on in time.*



By H. William Clatworthy Jr., M.D.

Y DEFECTIVE BABY

The nursery nurse is in the best position to meet this vital need. But sometimes she has learned to depend on an ineffective routine. Or maybe there's no routine at all to guide her. So she misses her chance to "save a life-time."

Let me give you an example: Not long ago a night nurse in an Ohio hospital noticed that one of the nursery babies seemed to be cyanotic. She waited for a time, looked at him again, then phoned the pediatric resident. The resident told her to put the baby in oxygen.

She did this, then four hours

later she called him again. "The baby's still blue," she told him, "and his respirations are 80."

This time the doctor came running. But he was too late. The baby died as they were X-raying him. His chest plates later showed he had a pneumothorax.

A needle in his chest would have saved him. But he died when only twelve hours old because no one discovered his need in time.

Legally, neither the doctor nor the nurse was responsible for this baby's death. But both could have done much more than they did to prevent it. And because the nurse was on duty with the baby, her share of the responsibility was the greater. These are the mistakes she made:

First, she didn't phone the

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doctor soon enough. She should have known that a baby with cyanosis is in serious trouble. Cyanosis is a very late sign of respiratory distress, a sign of impending death.

If she'd checked the baby's respirations regularly, she would

have seen that they were labored, that they were more than the forty-eight per minute that's maximum for newborns. She'd also have noticed that the baby had sternal retraction, excessive mucus, and a look of apprehension you always see on a tiny

Potentially Fatal Congenital Anomalies That Can Corre

DIGESTIVE DEFECTS

- Atresia (absence or closure) of one or more regions of the alimentary canal.
- Stenosis (narrowing or stricture) of some portion of the alimentary canal.
- Esophageal-tracheal fistula, causing aspiration of food and normal secretions.
- Tumor or cyst pressing on the alimentary canal and causing obstruction.
- Volvulus (knotting and twisting of bowel, causing obstruction).
- Congenital megacolon (Hirschsprung's disease), a malfunction of rectosigmoid because of abnormal nerve supply, leading to constipation and obstipation.

• Imperforate or ectopic anal opening.

• Meconium ileus or plug (dry, viscid meconium plugging intestines and thus causing obstruction).

RESPIRATORY DEFECTS

- Choanal atresia (complete nasal obstruction leads to suffocation).
- Laryngeal stenosis (web-like obstruction of airway).
- Laryngeal stridor (flabby, ineffective epiglottis that sometimes obstructs airway).
- Vascular ring such as double aortic arch which constricts the trachea.

baby who is fighting for breath.

But she didn't note any of these signs. Why? Because she didn't make thorough, periodic checks.

In a sense, a newborn baby is a postoperative patient. His respirations should be counted and

recorded, his color observed, and other vital signs recorded just as regularly and as often as if he were in a recovery room. He may appear perfectly normal when you admit him to the nursery. But a lot of things can happen in the next twenty-four hours.

Suppose, for example, a baby is born with a diaphragmatic hernia, and several loops of intestine have slipped up into his chest cavity. He looks fine when he comes to the nursery, but meanwhile he's swallowing air. In no time at all those loops of intestine can balloon up, crowd his lungs, and kill him.

If you're checking every half hour, you'll see the symptoms. You can then warn the doctor so that he can operate in time.

Conscientious reporting of bowel function also can help save a baby's life. Many a baby has died of intestinal obstruction (something else a surgeon can correct if he knows about it in time) because a nurse failed to appreciate the significance of a single episode of bile-stained vomiting or beginning abdominal distension or charted "meconium passed" when all the baby had produced was a bit of greenish gray mucus.

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Conditions That Can Be Corrected by Surgery

- Tension pneumothorax (defect in chest cavity that permits air to enter the pleural space then traps it there, collapsing the lungs).
- Congenital lung cyst or "balloon" cyst that traps inspired air in a lobe so that it expands and occupies entire chest cavity.
- Diaphragmatic hernia with intestines occupying vital lung space in the chest cavity.
- Emphysematous lobe that can't exhale air and acts like balloon cyst to fill entire chest cavity.
- Tumor or cyst in chest cavity, pressing on trachea or occupying lung space.

THE CONGENITALLY DEFECTIVE BABY

A normal baby passes at least half a cup of black, sticky meconium within the first twenty-four hours of his life. If he doesn't do this, the doctor should know about it so he can find out what's wrong.

The second mistake our nurse made was failing to convey any sense of urgency to the doctor

she called. He couldn't see how bad the baby was. Maybe he'd answered so many calls about "cyanosis" from panicky night nurses that he needed more than just this word alone to convince him.

No doctor is psychic—particularly when you wake him out of a sound sleep. [More on 69]

Steering Clear of Libel

By Helen Creighton, R.N., J.D.

Suppose you were a director of nurses. And suppose that when a certain private-duty nurse worked at your hospital, drugs were often missing.

Would it be legally safe for you to write to a professional registry, state this fact, and ask the registry not to send this nurse to your hospital again?

In an actual case of this kind, the nurse filed a libel suit against both the director of nurses and the hospital, alleging damage to her professional reputation. But the court held that the nurse couldn't recover because the director's letter was a "privileged communication."

A letter or other communication is privileged (can't be used as the basis for recovery in a law suit) when it's offered in good faith in the performance of duty, or where there's an interest to be upheld.

It must also be limited to such purpose, made on a proper occasion, published in a proper manner and to proper persons only. And it must be made without actual malice—that is, without intent to commit an unlawful act.

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You're the Spark Plug For the Clean-Up Team

By Emily Deming

Let's face it. Housekeeping—either home or hospital style—is a repetitious bore.

Even the most enthusiastic hospital housekeeper often feels that needling her staff about keeping the premises clean is like persuading a small boy to wash his neck. Why bother? It'll only get dirty again.

So I fully understand why nurses are only too happy to leave to the housekeeping department the never-ending scrubbing and mopping chores.

But there's more to good housekeeping than the house-

keeping department alone can handle. Keeping our hospitals dirt-free and germ-free must be the joint responsibility of everyone concerned with the patient's care and safety.

By everyone, I mean nurses, doctors, and administrators as much as aides, orderlies, maids, and porters. The nurse's responsibility is, in a way, the most important of all.

Of course I'm not suggesting that you nurses revert to the "good old days" when you actually mopped floors and scrubbed walls. What I am suggesting

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SPARK PLUG FOR THE CLEAN-UP TEAM

is that you, as professionals, keynote the cleanliness crusade in your own hospitals by setting an example for your nonprofessional colleagues.

Teach by Example

Just remember this: Every time you convince one of your untrained helpers, *by your own example*, of the importance of personal and environmental cleanliness, you help cut your hospital's infection rate.

Suppose you're a pediatric nurse. You pick up a fluffy toy lamb that's been tossed from a crib. If the porter sees you give the lamb back to the baby, he'll see no reason not to give her back the spoon she drops on the floor a half-hour later.

'Didn't Have Time'?

Or suppose your bus was late this morning. You didn't have time to put your coat and lunch in the locker room and still hear the morning report. So you put them in the linen closet instead, in plain sight of the aide. Tomorrow *her* bus may be late.

Have you ever returned a pillow or blanket—just this once, you told yourself—from a patient's bed to the linen shelf? Or

have you ever made a patient more comfortable on a chilly night with an extra blanket hastily snatched from the empty stretcher in the hall?

If you have, the maid who saw you do it probably didn't pay much mind the next time her housekeeper explained why blankets and linens must never be transferred from bed to bed or from a ward to the operating room.

Wash Between Patients

On your morning rounds, do you ever move among patients, checking a pulse here or a fresh post-op dressing there, straightening a sheet, or fluffing a pillow—the perfect picture of the modern Florence Nightingale? If you neglect to wash your hands between such patients, how can you expect the aide to believe *she* should wash *her* hands between disposing of a waste bag of soiled dressings and carrying in a lunch tray?

Maybe, as a student nurse, you vowed you'd never become the kind of head nurse who looked under the mattress or ran her finger over the bed springs. But the bitter truth is that when you're easy-going yourself, or

with your subordinates, you're setting the kind of bad example whose result may be staph pustules all over your favorite patient's body.

It's the head housekeeper's job to supply the cleansers, the common sense, and the plain elbow grease needed to chase dirt —to say nothing of getting a reputation for nagging and preaching. But we'll fail as often as we try, unless you, the profes-

sionals, set the proper example for the nonprofessionals who follow your lead.

Halo Maintenance

If what I've said here makes you feel your halo may have become a bit tarnished, let me add that any housekeeper you know will be glad to lend you some polish and a helping hand to brighten it. We badly need its guiding light. END

No peeking guaranteed

The little old man had been admitted for eye surgery. But before consenting to the operation, he extracted a promise (from his doctor) that he'd be allowed a nip of bourbon four times a day.

When I went into his room the morning after the operation, he asked for nip number one.

I poured it for him and put it into his hand. (He couldn't do this for himself because both his eyes were bandaged.)

"Why don't you pour yourself a little drink too?" the old man said.

I declined, with thanks.

"Don't you ever touch the stuff?" he asked.

"Sometimes," I replied. "But never when I'm in uniform."

"Well, now," he said, "that's easily fixed. Just slip off your uniform, girlie, and have a nip. I'm blindfolded, ain't I?"

—AMY B. JOHNSON, R.N.

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BY MARTHA DUDLEY, R.N.

If you take your cue from the statisticians, you may conclude that the private duty nurse is headed straight for extinction. Although her branch of the profession is still second in size to that of the hospital nurse, her ranks are thinning steadily.

In the four years from 1954 to 1958, the number of private duty nurses dropped by about 1,000 annually. Result: Private duty nurses made up only about 15 per cent of the country's nursing force last year, compared with about 18½ per cent in 1954.

Some believe this drop is a trend of the times and will continue. They point out that as more and more people take advantage of hospitalization, the hospital nurse will do more and more nursing that private duty nurses used to do in the home.

Many hospitals, they add, now give intensive care. Still other hospitals teach their patients to care for themselves. These things also tend to cut out the private duty nurse.

The practical nurse is yet another factor. For she not only helps in the hospital but is also taking over thousands of routine nursing cases in the home.

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TY ON THE WAY OUT?



Many who think the private duty nurse is on the way out say a major cause is the fact that very few *young* nurses go into this work any more. They quote an American Nurses Foundation study of 100 nurses in Kansas City to the effect that:

¶ More than 50 per cent of the nurses who graduated *before* 1940 went into private duty as their first job, while

¶ Only 7 per cent of those who graduated *after* 1940 did so.

Of course, many R.N.s don't feel that statistics hold the answer to the future of private duty. A Midwesterner, for instance, says, "Thirty years ago I was advised not to go into private duty. But I did—and it and I are still going strong!"

To find out what private duty nurses in general think, *RN* recently asked 2,000 of them: "Do you feel that the private duty nurse is on the way out?" The answer was emphatic: More than 83 per cent voiced a resounding "No!"

Most of the 17 per cent who feel that private duty *is* on the way out are sixty or older. Says one of them: "The younger nurses just aren't interested in joining our ranks." Says another: "Be-

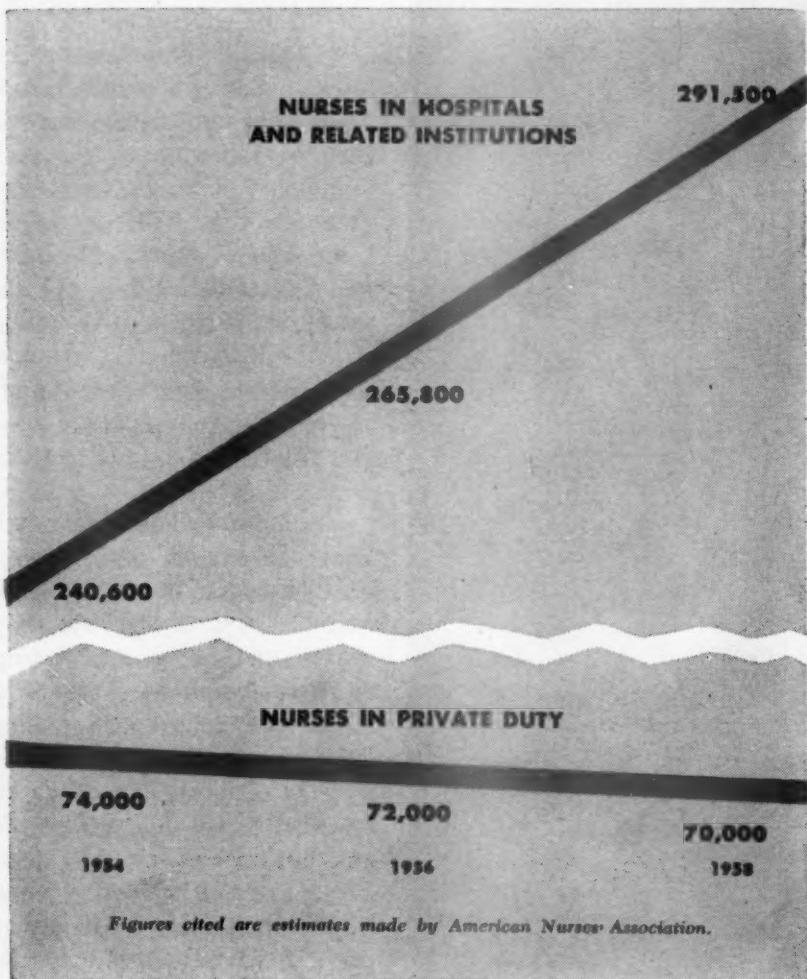
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cause of this, we old-timers hang on and on. Many a private duty nurse today is so decrepit that her patients wish they could get up and help *her*!"

Slightly less than half the RN

survey respondents are full-timers; the rest are part-timers. Most of the full-timers are forty to sixty years of age. About half are single.

The part-timers tend to be



younger. They have more than twice as many children as the full-timers, suggesting that many young mothers choose this type of duty.

Since most private duty nurses think private duty is here to stay, we may well ask: Why?

Well, first of all, most of them say they get more calls than they can handle. They argue that as long as the demand continues, there'll be nurses willing to meet it.*

Second, many private duty nurses point to the pay. "While it may not be high by outside standards," says one, "it's better than the floor nurse gets. Salaries have doubled in my area since I got my license, and they're still going up."

Third in importance, many say, is the freedom private duty gives them. "We have time off between cases," points out one, "and we can adapt our working hours to our family life. This factor attracts, and will continue to attract, nurses to private duty."

Says an R.N. in her twenties: "I can go skiing in the winter and

dude ranching in the spring. The nurse who really wants to live—as well as work—will turn to private duty every time."

Young and old, part-timers and full-timers—most of these R.N.s firmly believe the future's on their side. They list "advances in medical science" as the fourth reason the private duty nurse will continue to be important. Here's how they see it:

An Atlanta nurse: "As new drugs and treatments come along, patients will need even more detailed care than they get today. The general duty nurse just won't have the time to give that care. So doctors will call on the private duty nurse more and more often."

A Denver nurse: "Surgery's advancing fast, and so is the need for expert postoperative care. The special who's competent to do such things as continue treatments without constantly calling the doctor and recognize abnormal lab reports will be greatly in demand."

But what about the invasion of practical nurses and the lack of younger R.N.s entering the field?

Generally, the private duty nurse considers the P.N. a minor

*The most recent A.N.A. statistics show that private duty nurses received nearly 1,000,000 calls through registries in 1956 and filled 66 per cent of them. By contrast, they received only 635,000 calls in 1946 and filled 54 per cent.

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threat. A Chicago part-timer gives the viewpoint of the majority: "Maybe more P.N.s will move into homes to care for the chronically ill. But they'll never crowd us out completely—and they won't take over in the hospitals, as some predict. The pro-

fessional's skill will always be needed in both places."

As to the lack of younger nurses: Time, says the private duty nurse, will cure this problem. The number of nurses in private duty is low right now, she argues, mainly because [More on 86]

How to Live With Your Feet

By Myrna Cartwright, R.N.

Four out of five Americans suffer from foot troubles. People fifty and older are especially susceptible. If you'd like to live happily with your feet, do these things:

Buy shoes that fit. Get sturdy ones with supple light leather uppers and heavy but flexible leather soles.

Don't buy ready-made "corrective" shoes. And when you buy arch supports, do so only on the advice and prescription of your physician or podiatrist.

If your feet feel numb after the day's work, try this simple exercise to speed circulation: Relax in a chair, take off your shoes, extend your legs, then move your feet up and down as far as they'll go. Repeat for five minutes.

Bathe your feet daily. Use a small hand spray to squirt hot water on them for a minute, then cold water for a minute, alternating several times. This too will speed circulation and help relieve numbness, cramps, swelling.

If you have an inflamed or irritated spot, cushion it in lamb's wool (available at drug stores). If this doesn't help, see your podiatrist. In fact, visit your podiatrist regularly for check-ups and expert help.

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GUIDES FOR GIVING MEDICATIONS

By Signe S. Cooper, R.N.

THIS ARTICLE is the first in an RN refresher series on drug administration. The author is Associate Professor of Nursing and Chairman of the Department of Nursing, Extension Division, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

To be sure you're giving the right drug to the right patient at the right time in the right dose and by the right method—always ask yourself these five questions:

Do I have the correct medication?

Check the written order for the drug and the medicine card.

Read (don't just glance at) the label three times: (1) before you take the drug from the shelf, (2) before you pour the drug, and (3) after you pour it but be-

fore you return it to the shelf.

Don't use drugs from unlabeled containers or those with indistinct labels. (The pharmacist is the only one who should relabel a container.)

Is the dosage appropriate?

When you must calculate the dosage, check and double-check your answer. If the answer seems to exceed the maximum dose of the drug, ask the doctor to verify his order.

Measure the drug accurately.

Use a minim glass or dropper (not a conventional medicine dropper) when the order calls for minims.

Before pouring a liquid,



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hold the measuring container at eye level and place your thumb-nail at the proper mark on the container. Then pour the medicine from the side of the bottle opposite the label. This protects the label from stains.

When a drug is in suspension, shake the bottle before pouring, in order to assure proper dispersion.

Am I using the right method of administration?

Always note if a drug has been ordered per os, I.M., I.V., or subcutaneously. Many drugs can be given by one method only.

Check the label to be sure it's possible to give the drug by the method ordered.

Is this the proper time to give the medication?

All drugs must be given exactly when ordered. The doctor schedules some of them, such as the antibiotics, to maintain the needed amount in the blood stream. In the case of pre-op drugs, he always schedules them so they'll help produce smooth and effective anesthesia. So accurate timing is essential.

Do I have the right patient?

Recall what you know about the patient and his illness while you're preparing the medication. Know why he's receiving it and what effects you should look for.

At the bedside, check the bed card, address the [More on 82]

Worrisome water bill

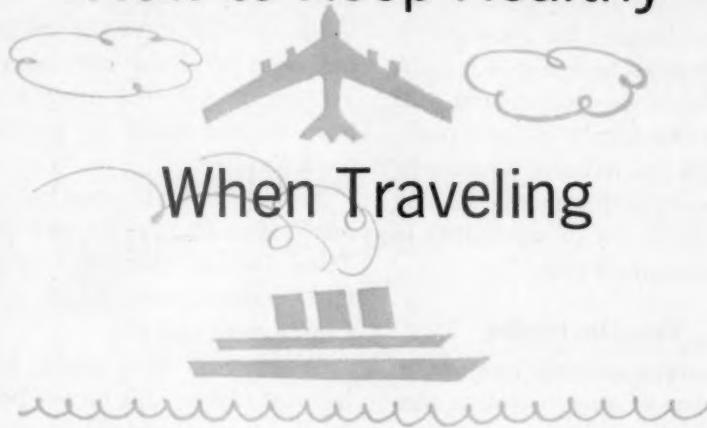
The patient was obviously a wealthy woman. Yet she had questioned me sharply about the price of everything: her room, her drugs, even her special diet.

On her fourth morning in the hospital, as she watched me write her fluid intake on the I & O chart, she suddenly exclaimed, "Sister, I just can't afford to stay in this place any longer. Please call my doctor at once!"

She then pointed to the 90 c.c.s I'd just written. "I've seen you keep that bill every day," she said accusingly, "and it's a disgrace! Not even a hospital should charge 90 cents for a glass of water!"

—SISTER M. ADELINE, O.P.

How to Keep Healthy



When Traveling

By Morton J. Rodman, PH.D.

More than 70 million vacationing Americans will soon be on the move. Most will hit the road for vacation spots in this country or in Canada or Mexico. But many will board ship or plane for foreign ports.

Foreign travel offers fun and excitement. But it can present health hazards, too. While most travelers' ailments are minor, they can make you sick enough to wish you'd never left home.

Smallpox vaccination is a must. You'll also want booster

shots for tetanus, typhoid, and paratyphoid. Children should get inoculations for diphtheria, too. And if your travels will take you to regions where yellow fever, cholera, and typhus are endemic, immunization against these diseases is in order.

Attend to these vaccinations well in advance of going. It takes time to build up the titer of protective antibodies. Besides, your inoculations will have to be recorded in the International Certificate of Vaccination which the

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State Department sends when you apply for a passport.

Your doctor will tell you whether your physical condition warrants any special precautions. (Heart disease, for example, is no handicap to flying as long as the cabin is pressurized.) If you're chronically ill, he'll probably tell you to carry your medical history with you. And he may give you a list of specialists in the cities you'll visit.

That Old Feeling

No one's entirely immune to that bane of most travelers, motion sickness. In a rough sea, your best bet is just to lie flat on your back in your bunk. A cabin located amidships is less rocky than one forward or aft. In an airplane, likewise, a center seat is best.

Among the most widely used drugs for combating motion sickness are dimenhydrinate (Dramamine), cyclizine (Marezine), and meclizine (Bonamine). Meclizine is said to give protection for up to twenty-four hours from a single dose.

Gastroenteritis is another condition that's so common it has earned the name "Tourists' Disease." Yet you needn't fall vic-

tim to it if you follow a few simple rules. One is to stay away from raw fruits and vegetables unless you peel or skin them yourself. In foreign lands, such foods are often grown in soil that has been fertilized with human excrement. Or they may have been contaminated by careless food handlers.

Foods that make good culture media should also be avoided. These include custards, cream-filled pastries, and salads containing meat and fish.

Watch your fluid intake, too. In most places, this means boiling the water you drink or treating it chemically. Even if you drink only bottled water, wine, and beer, slip-ups may occur. Watch out for diluted alcoholic drinks and the ice cubes that tinkle in them. And remember to be wary of the water you use for brushing your teeth.

Milk Can Be Dangerous

Milk should also be boiled in most areas. Some prefer the convenience of condensed, evaporated, or powdered milk. But these, of course, are only as safe as the water with which they're diluted. And it's obviously silly to boil milk but then eat ice

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cream that comes from the same contaminated source. (Most dairy products available in foreign countries outside the large cities should be viewed with sus-

picion, even when they're labeled "pasteurized.")

Meat may harbor living parasites from the flesh of infected animals. So it [More on 72].

How to Use Plastic Surgical Drapes

By Frances B. Arje, R.N.

If you're an operating room nurse, you'll soon be using the new plastic drapes that (1) adhere to the edge of the incision, (2) immobilize organisms that survive the skin prep, and (3) eliminate the trauma of skin clips.

Here's how you handle these drapes:

You wrap the roll of plastic (and its paper interleaf) in a towel. Then you steam-sterilize it at 250 degrees F. for thirty minutes.

After spraying the patient's skin with surgical adherent, you use sterile technique to remove the plastic roll from the towel. As you unroll it, you let the paper interleaf fall on the floor. You fold the sheet of plastic on its length and hold it so that your assistant at the other side of the operating table can grasp two corners of it. Then, holding the other two corners yourself, you pull the film taut and lower it to the operative site. Another nurse presses the film down firmly at the incision site and smooths out bubbles and creases, leaving the edges loose. You then use linen drapes in the customary manner. And the surgeon makes the incision right through the plastic film.

When it's time for skin suturing, you peel the film back one or two inches from the edge of the wound. And, after oozing has stopped, you grasp the film by the loose corners and peel it off.

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YOUR STAKE IN

Compulsory

HEALTH INSURANCE

Here's an easy-to-grasp summary of the Forand proposals—and who's for them, who's against them, and why

By Evelyn Pastore, R.N.

The Forand bill to provide health care for the aged through the Social Security program has been an issue in the medical profession ever since it was first introduced in Congress in 1957.

Now Representative Aimé J. Forand (D., R.I.) has reintroduced his bill and is pushing for fast action. This means we'll soon be hearing more and more about it.

Just how would this precedent-setting legislation affect you—both as a citizen and as a nurse

—if it became law? What does the medical profession think of it? Should you personally take a stand for or against it?

First, let's see how the bill would affect you as a citizen:

If the Forand bill became law, the Social Security tax on the first \$4,800 of your annual salary would increase by one-fourth per cent if you were working for others or by three-eighths per cent if you were self-employed.

Increases would come along at three-year intervals until 1969. By then you could be paying a

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maximum of \$18 a year over and above the present Social Security scale.

When you became eligible for retirement (age 62 for women and 65 for men, provided you have had the required years of coverage), you'd also be eligible for Government-paid health benefits as well as a monthly retirement check. And you'd be entitled to health benefits in the event of hospitalized illness even if you had decided to continue working and were not drawing your Social Security check.

In some cases you'd be eligible for these benefits whether you'd reached retirement age or not. This would be true if you were a widow or a dependent parent who received Social Security

payments. (Totally disabled persons over 50 and certain others would be eligible too.)

Here's what the medical services would include:

¶ Sixty days of hospitalization per year (with semiprivate accommodations) in any except tax-supported hospitals, mental hospitals, and those for the tuberculous.

¶ A hundred twenty days per year of hospitalization and nursing-home care combined, provided you were transferred directly



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from hospital to nursing home.

¶ Ambulance service, laboratory service, operating room, anesthesia, drugs, and appliances "as are customarily furnished by such hospital."

¶ Surgery, including oral surgery performed in the hospital and emergency or minor surgery performed in an outpatient department or in the doctor's office. (No elective surgery, however.)

You'd be eligible for hospitalization when referred by a licensed doctor. You could choose a hospital, surgeon, and nursing home from among any that had an agreement with the Federal Government. But you wouldn't be eligible for this Social Security coverage if you were also covered by Workmen's Compensation or if you received care from the V.A. or other tax-supported programs.

The Social Security fund would pay the hospital, nursing home, and surgeon.

Every proposal of the Forand bill has already caused its share of argument. But the basic issue, as far as the medical profession is concerned, goes deeper than the proposals themselves. It goes down to the underlying principle involved, namely:

Would compulsory health insurance harm the medical profession and the public in general? If so—or if not—why?

The American Medical Association fervently believes it would harm both. The A.M.A. calls this bill "unsound" and the first step toward "bringing everyone under a government-dictated health program."

The American Nurses' Association doesn't agree. In fact, the A.N.A. not only approves compulsory health insurance for the aged in principle but goes a step further: It recommends that such insurance pay for nursing services, including nursing care in the home.

The stands taken by the A.M.A. and the A.N.A. have apparently both had an influence on Representative Forand. For when he reintroduced his bill in Congress this year, he said he'd "explore the possibility" of (1) dropping the surgical provisions (to please the A.M.A.) and (2) adding benefits for home nursing care.

This doesn't mean that such changes *will* be made in the bill. But they'll probably be considered during committee hearings.

Dozens of organizations in the

medical and welfare fields have lined up for or against this measure. Outside the profession, the A.F.L.-C.I.O. leads the fight for the bill.

Each side has marshaled an impressive list of reasons for the stand it takes. Here, in brief, are the major arguments:

For the Forand Bill

1. Present voluntary health insurance plans don't give elderly people proper protection because

(1) many are on limited retirement income and can't afford to pay the premiums and (2) because such health plans often exclude those over 65. As a result, about three-fifths of the persons over 65 have no health coverage; and most of those who do have hospitalization only.

2. Voluntary and proprietary hospitals are hard-hit because they must care for thousands of patients who can't pay, including the aged. Although these hospi-

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DIAPERING THE CONGENITAL-HIP BABY



► *Nurse Helen Curran of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., faced the problem of diapering her baby daughter who had a congenital*

hip. The baby was in a body spica, and the usual diaper soiled the cast and caused irritation. So Mrs. Curran tried using a sanitary napkin, held in place by a sanitary belt. The napkin proved to be excellent, and it just fit the opening in the cast. The doctor was so impressed that he now suggests this method to his orthopedic classes; the local hospital has also adopted it.

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tals collect from local and state welfare departments, the usual payments don't cover their actual costs. They must make up the difference as best they can—usually by raising charges to those who *can* pay.

3. The Forand bill doesn't mean Government supervision of medicine—for it specifically states that "Nothing . . . in this Act shall be construed to give . . . supervision or control over the practice of medicine or the manner in which medical services are provided."

Here are arguments on the other side:

Against the Forand Bill

1. Voluntary medical plans are growing rapidly. If given a chance, they can provide coverage for more of the aged. But this compulsory program would deal them a blow from which they might never recover.

There's other help for the aged in many forms. Those who aren't covered by health plans can generally receive medical care through both public and private welfare programs, including those of fraternal and religious groups.

2. This is socialized medicine.

As such, it would be subject to all the abuses found in countries that have such programs. For one thing, it would immediately cause such needless crowding of hospitals that it would dangerously limit the facilities for ill persons of all ages.

3. Recently the Social Security system went into the red for the first time. If health benefits were added for the 13 million present claimants, there'd be no assurance that the increased Social Security tax would provide enough funds to cover the claims. It's expected that 22 million persons would be eligible for health benefits by 1975. This would impose a huge new tax burden.

These are the main arguments on both sides. But you'll hear dozens more as time goes on. And more questions will come up, particularly about the effect this plan would have on the nursing profession.

Wilbur J. Cohen, Professor of Public Welfare Administration at the University of Michigan and former chief of research for the Social Security Administration, believes that compulsory health insurance for the aged would benefit nursing. He says:

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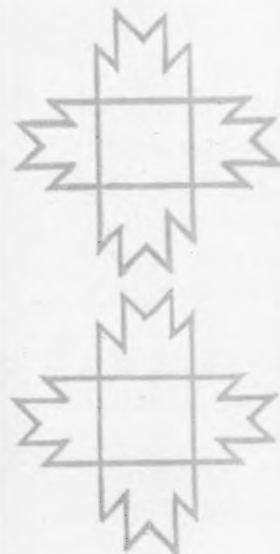
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measure becomes law, the nurse will find that comprehensive nursing services—including prevention and rehabilitation in the home—will be emphasized much more than they are today. The

nurse will have a more central role in working with other professions, the patient, family, and total community."

On the other hand, Dr. Gunnar Gundersen, [More on 84]



UNIFORM QUILT



Donna Meskimen, R.N., admires hand-sewn patchwork quilt, a family heirloom she received on her recent graduation from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Denver, Colo. Made some sixty years ago by Miss Meskimen's great aunt, Nellie McAnelly—a 1902 graduate of St. Luke's—the quilt recalls the days when students were required to make their own uniforms. Miss McAnelly pieced the quilt from scraps of uniform cloth given her by her classmates.

'... as Well as Can Be Expected'

BY FARISSA KIMBRELL, R.N.

The young husband waits nervously in the hospital corridor. In and out of Room 318, where his wife lies, nurses and doctors maintain a steady procession.

Two hours pass—two hours of watching and waiting in vain for some assurance. Finally, the young man, his patience exhausted, grabs the arm of a student nurse.

"How's my wife?" he demands. "She's been back from surgery for two hours—and no one has told me a thing."

"I'm sorry," says the student. "All I can say is that she's doing as well as can be expected. Why don't you ask the head nurse?"

The head nurse turns out to be a stiffly starched matron with a ridiculously small cap perched atop her gray hair. The young man repeats his question.

Without looking up from her paper work, the head nurse says, "She's doing—"

"I know," he breaks in, "... as well as can be

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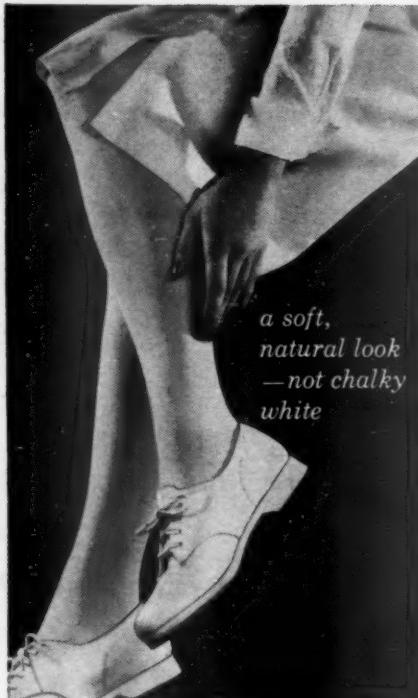
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expected!" Turning dejectedly, he walks back to the waiting room.

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Daily this incident is repeated in our hospitals. Worried relatives of countless patients wait . . . and wait . . . and wait . . . for some word to relieve their anxiety.

To many of us in the healing arts, "relatives" are little more than blobs of protoplasm that hang around, get under foot, block progress, and ask unnecessary questions. It's easy for us to forget how much our patients mean to them—and, by the same token, how much *they* mean to our patients.

Laying On of Hands

It's equally easy to forget that the patient is cut off from all that's dear and familiar—from those who care most whether he lives or dies. So the warm hand-clasp of someone he loves may do more to comfort him than a doctor's prescription or a nurse's ministrations.

There are times, obviously, when the bedside visit must be postponed. Those are the times when the patient's family needs reassurance most.

The family of a young mother with rheumatic heart disease needs to know that she's becoming stronger, that her pulse is more regular. The parents of a 3-year-old with nephrosis need to know that his edema is subsiding.

Not Contrary to Ethics

We can give such reassurance without violating our code of ethics. Most families are happy when we tell them a few basic facts about the patient's condition. We don't need to go into detail.

Fortunately, more and more emphasis is now being put on total patient care. Doctors are beginning to realize that by reassuring the patient's family we can help to speed the patient's recovery.

No More Clichés

This means that, as nurses, we'll be expected to achieve empathy with the family as well as the patient himself. Once we seriously recognize this, we'll forget all those stock answers that mean nothing.

We'll never again say: "He's doing as well as can be expected."

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Diuretics to Fight Edema

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without causing an acid condition. And no matter how long the patient takes it, he seldom develops a resistance to the diuretic action.

These properties make chlorothiazide especially valuable in treating pregnant women with high blood pressure. Given daily during the entire pregnancy, chlorothiazide has lowered the blood pressure and kept the patients free of fluid. In many cases, this has helped prevent eclampsia, the acute convulsive stage of toxemia.

Chlorothiazide has also proved helpful in treating other hypertensive patients. Those who take the drug can get along on lower doses of their regular medicines. Some, for example, have been able to cut their doses of the powerful ganglionic-blocking drugs in half. And this has meant less discomfort and danger.

Diets Can Be Relaxed

The researchers still don't know for sure how chlorothiazide helps reduce blood pressure. But some believe its salt-removing action does the work. In any case, patients on chlorothiazide don't have to stick quite so strictly to their unappetizing salt-free diets.

This same salt-removing action makes the drug useful in treating nephrosis. Steroid therapy is often used for this disease, but the steroids may cause the body to keep too much salt. Giving chlorothiazide along with the steroids helps keep the salt balance where it should be.

There's one danger the nurse must look for: The salt-removing action can sometimes go too far and cause an imbalance. Then the patient will show signs of low-salt syndrome. For instance,





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he may complain of a severe thirst when he really needs an injection of salt!

This salt-removing action is also a characteristic of hydrochlorothiazide—a close chemical relative of chlorothiazide. It has chlorothiazide's many advantages and then some—for it's claimed to be ten to twenty times as potent.

Possible Bad Effects

Of course the nurse must be even more watchful with this latest diuretic. If it draws out too many acid chloride ions, an alkaline condition may occur. And if it eliminates potassium too fast, it may make the heart beat badly, especially if the patient's also taking digitalis. The resulting imbalance could send a liver-disease patient into deep hepatic coma.

Help for the Drowning

But these and other disadvantages are a small price to pay for the life-saving work of the powerful new diuretics. The nurse who administers them will know that she's often helping to save critically ill patients who are drowning in their own fluids. And she'll be alert to recognize danger signs and do something about them in time.

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Saving the Congenitally Defective Baby *Continued from 42*

He reacts to your report on the basis of the facts you give him and your manner of giving them. If you can't make him see things as you think he should the first time you call, keep after him till you do. An angry doctor is a lot easier to forget than a dead baby.

The nurse's third and perhaps most serious mistake was that when she put down the telephone after her first call, she put aside all personal responsibility for the baby's life. She did what the doctor told her to do and no more. After that, she didn't look at the baby until four hours later when it was time to take his temperature.

Such an attitude isn't professional, and such a course of action isn't enough. When the doctor's in his room and the nurse is in the nursery, *she* is responsible for the baby's life. And her responsibility doesn't end until the doctor arrives and takes charge.

The nurse's last mistake was one that's all too common among hospital personnel: She fell for that old siren song: "Put him in oxygen."

A baby with a fatal lesion can die in oxygen just as he can die

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out of it. Nothing's going to help him except recognizing the lesion and correcting it. All oxygen may do is delay the diagnosis.

Putting a baby in oxygen as a temporary measure may be helpful, but the doctor should proceed immediately with his examination and X-ray studies, and make a diagnosis, too. After the baby's in oxygen, the nurse is still

responsible for checking him closely to see what symptoms develop. In fact, she should double her attention from then on.

Things happen fast with babies. But when death threatens, there are always warning signs. The nurse will see them if she's looking for them.

The most common of these signs appear in the accompanying list. This list, or one like it, should be included on every newborn's chart. Then nursery staff members should be required to check every item every half hour during the first twenty-four hours or so of the baby's life.

Whether you tack the list on your bulletin board or over the nursery sink, or have it made into a rubber stamp and imprint it on the charts at the beginning of each shift, makes little difference. The main thing is to look at the babies regularly and check off the listed items systematically.

No one deliberately passes up the chance to help a sick baby. You'll be surprised how conscientiously the nonprofessionals as well as the R.N.s will make this routine check once it becomes standard practice. Fewer babies will then die of correctible birth defects.

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Common Signs of Infant Distress

1. Increasingly rapid respirations (over 48 per minute)
2. Difficult or labored respirations
3. Sternal retraction
4. Excess mucus (baby drools or "blows bubbles")
5. Anxious, worried expression
6. Mild cyanosis (dusky appearance of hands and feet, and around mouth)
7. Abdominal distention
8. Inadequate meconium (less than $\frac{1}{2}$ cup in first 24 hours)
9. Inadequate voiding (none in first 24 hours)
10. Bile emesis

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How to Keep Healthy When Traveling

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should be thoroughly cooked and served straight from the stove. Otherwise the organisms, including worms, may be transmitted.

Some unfortunate travelers suffer from successive digestive upsets. Diarrhea that recurs and lasts longer than forty-eight hours may signal a serious illness. So stool specimens should be submitted for examination periodically to rule out an alimentary tract invasion by amoebae.

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bae. These parasites can cause frequent dysentery flareups if not completely eliminated with new chemotherapeutic agents.

Of course, frequent bouts of diarrhea may not be infectious at all. Some spicy foreign cuisines are just naturally laxative. For instance, foods drenched in olive oil and washed down with wine may act as cathartics when people aren't used to them.

Trying tasty native dishes is part of the fun of traveling abroad. But go slow till you've acquired a tolerance for them.

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CURRENT CLINICAL STATUS OF TOPICAL HORMONE

At the Clinical Research Division of Helena Rubinstein,[®] studies devoted to the topical hormone approach to the aging-skin problem have been strongly influenced by the stated opinions of recognized clinicians as well as by results recorded in the current medical literature. For years this group has been closely identified with dermatologic research in this phase of clinical medicine.

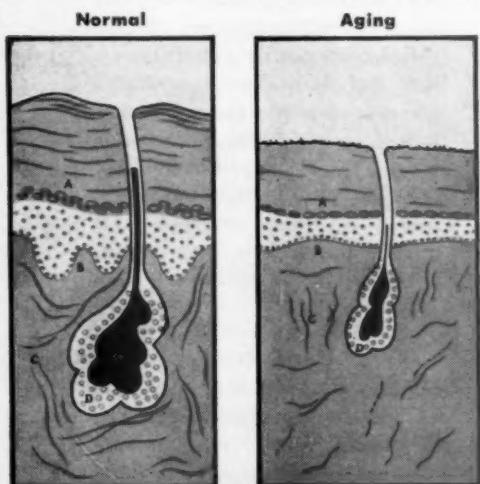
Aging Skin Linked with Waning Sex Hormones—Skin changes "constantly accompany the advance of the climacteric."¹¹ Aging female skin may appear dry, wrinkled, inelastic,² and feel "thinner...less resilient."¹²

Aging Skin and the Estrogen Decline—Marked changes of the skin occur "when the normal production of estrogen decreases."¹³

Changes in the epidermis: "The epidermis becomes thinner and the outermost horn layer appears looser."¹⁴ Epithelial cells are "small in size and poorly differentiated," and "normal projections of the epidermis into the cutis...absent."¹⁵

Changes in the dermis: "Flattening of the papillae...is one of the most characteristic changes."¹⁶ "The corium decreases in thickness with loss of elastic and collagen fibers." "Collagenous fibers grow thinner...elastic fibers...show clumping, shortening, thickening...subcutaneous fat shows degeneration...water content is reduced."¹⁷

Aging Skin and the Progesterone Decline—"Progesterone...has a striking growth-promoting effect on sebaceous glands."¹⁸



Changes in Female Skin Upon Aging—(shown schematically)
A—Epidermis B—Papilla
C—Corium D—Sebaceous Glands

Oral⁵ or parenteral¹³ estrogen did not produce these effects. It was stated that "there is definite support for the anti-wrinkling effect produced by the use of hormone cosmetics, based upon (a) the thickening of the epidermis, (b) plumping of the collagen fibres."¹⁴

Changes in sebaceous apparatus: In aging skin, sebaceous glands "become much reduced in number," "smaller and less active."¹⁹

Replacement Therapy with Topical Hormones—"Estrogenic hormones...progesterone...penetrate the intact skin rapidly and with great ease."²⁰ Applied locally, steroids "have a profound effect upon the skin and its accessory structures."²¹

Controlled Studies with Topical Hormones—Estrogens: Published studies^{10,11,12} confirm that topical estrogens provide favorable response in aging female skin. Observations included greater succulence of the epidermal cells¹¹ and derma,¹² and improved elasticity.¹² Epidermal proliferation, new formation of elastic fibrils and increased vascularization were reported.¹⁰

PICAROMONE THERAPY IN AGING FEMALE SKIN

Topical Progesterone: Results of topical progesterone applications on aging female skins were compared with those observed with estrogen creams and enriched placebos.¹⁵ Skin-surface and biopsy examinations demonstrated that progesterone creams increased the skin surface oil and epidermal emolliency.¹⁶

Hormones Combined with Progesterone: A face cream* containing 10,000 I.U. of natural estrogens and 5 mg. of progesterone was tested on aging female skin.¹⁶ Surface and histochemical studies revealed that nightly applications produced: a) hydration, or plumping (estrogen effect), and b) increased natural oil and emolliency (progesterone effect). Controls with estrogen creams indicated that the dermatologic effect of the combined cream appears to be enhanced by the synergistic action of the two hormones. Effects on menstrual cycles and significant changes in vaginal smears or urinary hormone excretion were not detectable. Patch tests (Schwartz-Peck and Draize-Shelansky),¹⁷ followed freedom from irritation and sensitization.

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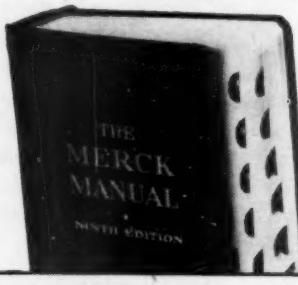
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Stay with the patient until he's taken the medication. Never leave medicine at the bedside.

Chart the medication after the patient has taken it. If he refuses his medicine, chart this fact and also report it to the doctor. Discard the refused medication. (Unused medication is never poured back into the container.)

When preparing or giving a medication, avoid conversation.

This will allow you to concentrate on what you're doing.

If you're called away while preparing or giving a medication, return the medicine tray to the closet and lock the door. (The closet should be kept locked whenever it's not actually in use.)

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ad lib., freely, as desired	os, mouth
b.i.d., twice daily	p.c., after meals
cc., cubic centimeter	p.r.n., whenever necessary
Gm., gram	q.h., every hour
gr., grain	q.2h. (q.3h., etc.), every two (or three, etc.) hours
gt. (gtt.), drop(s)	q.i.d., four times a day
h.s., at bedtime	q.s., a sufficient quantity
I.M., intramuscular	s.o.s., once if necessary
I.V., intravenous	ss., one half
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President of the A.M.A., says: "To accept the Forand blueprint for mass treatment is just as ridiculous as it would be to accept . . . a blueprint . . . for mass diagnosis . . .

"Care for the older citizen calls for a cooperative approach by nurses, doctors, hospitals, social workers, insurance companies, community leaders. It requires flexibility of medical techniques, a willingness to seek new

and promising solutions, an ability to chart new courses."

Chances are that Congress won't do much about the Forand bill until 1960, an election year. But hearings will probably be stepped up in time to get wide public attention before election. Then if the public clearly backs the bill, Congress may pass it.

Right now you can be sure of one thing: Compulsory health insurance for the aged—if it comes—is bound to affect nursing. So you'll want to learn more about the pros and cons, and take your stand accordingly. END

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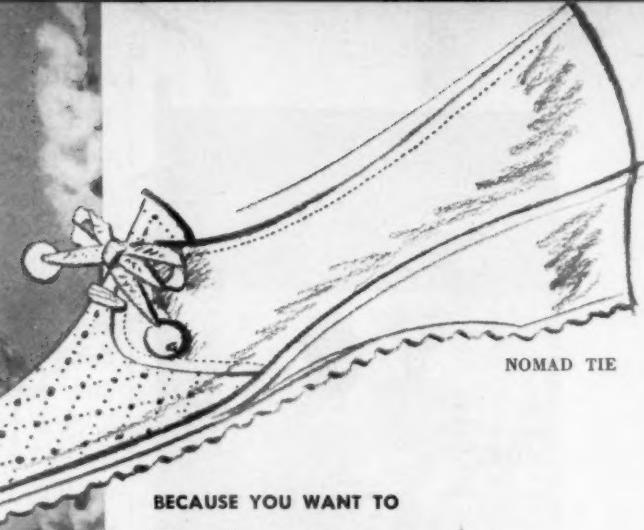
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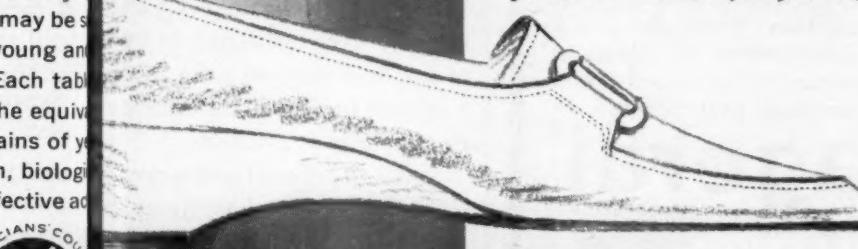
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Is Private Duty On the Way Out? *Continued from 50*

so many R.N.s are recent graduates. This influx has reduced the average age of all nurses to thirty-five while that of private duty nurses remains at forty-five.

"Private duty has always been a field for the middle-aged," says an East Coast nurse. "When today's younger women enter the forties, many of them will look to private duty for their future."

There's one more argument the private duty nurse brings forward: In her branch of nursing she enjoys a personal relationship with the patient—one that continues usually right through to his recovery.

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G. Chang and B. J. B. Yim in report to Hawaii Medical Society . . .

Availability of **aqueous iodine** explains why many hospitals are resuming iodine prep for surgery . . .

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National Office of Vital Statistics reports jump of 63 per cent in **infectious hepatitis** in recent 12-month period. Says upswing may continue for two more years if disease follows previous cycles . . .

Ambassador Travel Agency, New York City, reportedly specializes in handling arrangements for **physically handicapped tourists** . . .

From **acting to nursing** is the ca-

reer switch Mary Martin's teenage daughter says she'll make. Mary created the "Nurse Nellie" role in "South Pacific" . . .

Joliet (Ill.) school nurse used phone company's special service—eight-way hook-up—to explain **infectious hepatitis** to eight mothers at one time . . .

New 781-page book, "Current Therapy—1959," edited by Howard F. Conn, M.D., is described as "an invaluable **reference work** for nurses as well as doctors." Subject matter is arranged alphabetically, from Abortion to Zoster. W. B. Saunders, Philadelphia; \$12. END

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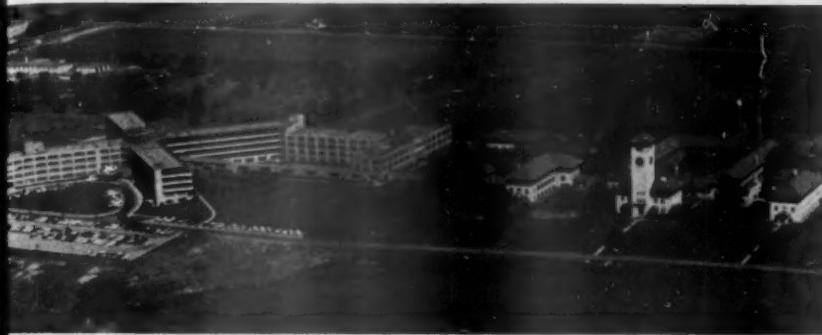
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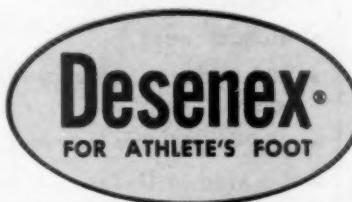
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